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EMPLOYMENT TO ALL
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn up any programme to ensure employment to all by 2010 A.D.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount involved therein?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Dr. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b) In the Approach Paper to the 11th Five Year Plan, it is estimated that the labour force will increase by about 65 million during the 11th Plan if it grows at the present rate and the female participation rates also rise at the pace observed during the period 1999-2005 over and above the present backlog of 35 million unemployed on a typical day. Against this background, creation of 70 million new work opportunities has been included as one of the monitorable socio-economic targets for the 11th Five Year Plan.A National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) has already been launched on 2nd February, 2006 in 200 districts of the country with the objective to enhance livelihood security in rural areas by providing at least 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in a Financial Year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Another 113 districts have been notified under the scheme during the current financial year and 17 districts from Uttar Pradesh are to be notified after the elections. This scheme is to be extended to all the districts of the country by 2009-10.